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SUBJECT: WORKING VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT TO EUROPE: SCENARIO

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1. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE TRANSMITTED REFTEL HAS BEEN
SUBMITTED BY MFA TO PRESIDENT LEONE AND PM ANDREOTTI.
FOLLOWING SUGGESTED SCENARIO INCORPORATES ADJUSTMENTS
SUGGESTED BY ITALIANS.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

1430 ARRIVE ROME, CIAMPINO AIRPORT. WELCOME BY CHIEF OF
PROTOCOL. SIMPLE ARRIVAL CEREMONY WITH ABBREVIATED
MILITARY HONORS.

1440 DEPART BY MOTORCADE FOR HOTEL (TRAVEL TIME: 30 MINUTES).

1510 ARRIVAL HOTEL. STAFF TIME.

1555 DEPART HOTEL FOR PALAZZO CHIGI (TRAVEL TIME: 5 MINUTES).

1600 ARRIVE PALAZZO CHIGI. GREETING BY PM ANDREOTTI.
PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

1605 FACE-TO-FACE MEETING WITH PM ANDREOTTI BEGINS
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1620 FONMIN FORLANI, TREASMIN STAMMATI, AND FONTRADEMIN
OSSOLA JOIN MEETING, WHICH CONTINUES

1800 DEPART PALAZZO CHIGI FOR HOTEL (TRAVEL TIME: 10 MINUTES)

1810 ARRIVE HOTEL. STAFF TIME.

1920 DEPART HOTEL FOR QUIRINALE (TRAVEL TIME: 10 MINUTES)

1930 ARRIVE QUIRINALE. GREETING BY PRESIDENT LEONE. PHOTO
OPPORTUNITY

1935 PRIVATE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT LEONE

2015 PRESIDENT LEONE AND VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE JOIN GUESTS
ASSEMBLED AT QUIRINALE FOR DINNER GIVEN BY LEONE.
INTRODUCTIONS AND COCKTAILS.

2030 STAG DINNER (DARK SUIT) GIVEN BY PRESIDENT LEONE.

2230 DINNER CONCLUDES. RETURN TO HOTEL (TRAVEL TIME: 5 MINUTES).

2235 ARRIVE HOTEL

2240 MEETING WITH PRESS AT HOTEL PRESS CENTER

2310 MEETING WITH PRESS CONCLUDES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

1015 DEPART HOTEL FOR VATICAN (TRAVEL TIME: 20 MINUTES)
1035 ARRIVE VATICAN. ESCORT TO PAPAL APARTMENTS.
1045 ARRIVE PAPAL APARTMENTS FOR PRIVATE AUDIENCE WITH POPE PAUL VI.
1145 AUDIENCE CONCLUDES. PROCEED TO MOTORCADE.
1150 DEPART VATICAN FOR CIAMPINO AIRPORT (TRAVEL TIME: 30 MINUTES)
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1220 ARRIVE CIAMPINO AIRPORT. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL WILL BE PRESENT.
A MICROPHONE WILL BE AVAILABLE IF VICE PRESIDENT DESIRES
TO RESPOND TO A FEW PRESS QUESTIONS. SIMPLE DEPARTURE CEREMONY.
1230 DEPART ROME.

2. MFA DESIRES TO MAKE ITALIAN ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE
ARRANGEMENTS SIMILAR IN LEVEL AND TONE TO THOSE AT
OTHER STOPS. PLEASE ADVISE IF SIMPLE CEREMONIES PRESIDED
OVER BY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL ARE APPROPRIATE.

3. PRESIDENT LEONE HAS EXTENDED AN INVITATION FOR VICE PRESIDENT-
ELECT MONDALE TO STAY AT THE VILLA MADAMA GUEST HOUSE. EMBASSY
VIEW IS THAT CHOICE OF VILLA MADAMA WOULD NOT BE DESIRABLE BECAUSE
LODGING FACILITIES ARE LIMITED AND ONLY A VERY SMALL NUMBER OF
VP-ELECT MONDALE'S PARTY COULD BE ACCOMMODATED. IN ADDITION,
VILLA MADAMA WOULD POSE SERIOUS PROBLEMS OF COMMUNICATIONS AND
TRANSPORTATION. GUIDANCE IS REQUESTED.

4. PRESIDENT LEONE HAS ALSO OFFERED USE OF HIS PERSONAL HELICOPTER.

WE AND MFA HAVE INDICATED THAT SCHEDULE DOES NOT APPEAR WARRANT
USE OF HELICOPTER.

5. QUIRINALE WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATION OF US DESIRES CONCERNING
AMERICAN AND ITALIAN PARTICIPATION IN LEONE DINNER. MFA DESIRES
TO KNOW US INTENTIONS REGARDING PARTICIPANTS IN EXPANDED MEETING
WITH ANDREOTTI AND MINISTERS. REQUEST GUIDANCE.

6. ALTERNATIVE TO 2240 ON JAN. 26 FOR PRESS CONFERENCE IS JAN. 27
PRIOR TO AUDIENCE WITH POPE. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS JAN. 26 TIME IN
ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE NEWSPAPER DEADLINES. REQUEST GUIDANCE ALSO ON
THIS POINT. FURTHER DISCUSSION OF PRESS MATTERS FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.
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